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Mrs Rachel Oestreicher Haspe
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Committee of the United States
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Dear Mrs. Haspe,

Thank you for your letter of 7 January, 1986, regard
the fate of Raoul Wallenberg.

It is now more than 40 years since Raoul Wallenberg
disappeared. Through heroic efforts he saved tens of
thousands of lives towards the end of the Second World
War and appears today as a symbol for humanitarianism
and the spirit of self-sacrifice.

As you are of course aware, the Soviet authorities
stated in 1957 that Raoul Wallenberg died in 1947 in
Lubyanka prison in Moscow. The Swedish Government could
not accept that contention since it did not provide
satisfactory information about what had happened to
him. My Government stated then that the inquiries would
continue until complete clarity has been obtained.

Nothing that has emerged since then reduces the cred-
ibility of the Swedish Government's working hypothesis
that Raoul Wallenberg is still alive.

Therefore, my Government has never failed to seize a
appropriate opportunity to bring up Raoul Wallenberg
case with the Soviet authorities. I did so myself in
Moscow in March 1983, in Stockholm in August 1985 and
now again in Moscow in January 1986.

In brief, the assertion of the Soviet authorities that
Raoul Wallenberg died in 1947, to which they have un-
variably referred in response to our representations
has not been accepted by the Swedish Government. The
Ministry for Foreign Affairs therefore continues to
investigate every fresh trace in its efforts on his
behalf.

Sincerely,

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